(vii) Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools; (viii) Sports Scholarship Scheme; (ix) rural Sports Programme; (x) National Sports Development Fund; (xi) Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons; (xii) Scheme Relating to Talent Search and Training; (xiii) Guidelines for Assistance to National Sports Federations; (xiv) Scheme for the Dhyan Chand Award for Life Time Achievement in Sports & Grames; (xv) Scheme for Arjun Awards for Outstanding Performance in Sports and Games; (xvi) Scheme for Dronacharya Award for Outstanding Coaches in Sports and Games; (xvii) National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons; (xviii) National Sports Championship for Women; (xix) Scheme of State Sports Academy; (xx) Scheme for Dope Test. However, the plan schemes mentioned in (i) to (iv) above, are being transferred to state sector with effect from 1.4.2005.

(b) The State-wise details of grants provided under the infrastructure schemes during the period 2001-2002 to 2004-2005 (as on 22.2.2005) have been indicated in the Annexure *see* Appendix 204, Annexure No. 6. The quantum of Central assistance to be provided to the various States under the aforementioned schemes during the remaining period of 2004-2005 depends upon the receipt of Utilisation Certificate, Progress Report, Audited Accounts etc. from the State Government etc. in respect of the already approved proposals.

Funds allocated for development of sports

†448.SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) Government's plan for providing basic facilities for development of sports in the country; and

(b) the facilities provided so far in Madhya Pradesh with the help of the central assistance given by Government togetherwith the quantum of central assistance to be provided this year in the districts?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) At present, Central assistance in accordance with the approved pattern of the following schemes is being provided to State Governments, schools, colleges, Non-Governmental Organisations etc. for creation of basic sports facilities for development of sports in the country:

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(i) Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure;

(ii) Grants to Rural Schools for purchase of sports equipment and development of playground;

(iii) Grants for Promotion of Sports in Universities & Colleges; and

(iv) Grants for Installation of Synthetic Playing Surfaces.

The Centrally sponsored schemes for creation of sports infrastructure have been transferred to state sector with effect from 1.4.2005. Thus, from 1.4.2005, the State Governments shall entirely fund basic facilities for the development of sports in the country. For infrastructure support, central assistance would be available to State Government and corporate sector for setting up of State Sports Academy in the ratio of 25: 24: 51. In addition, various schemes for Talent Search & Training, Sports Scholarships are being implemented for the development of sports.

(b) The details of grants provided to the state of Madhya Pradesh for creation of various sports facilities under the sports infrastructure Schemes of the Ministry during the years 2001-02 to 2004-05 (as on 22.2.2005) have been indicated in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). The quantum of Central assistance to be provided to the various disstricts of Madhya Pradesh under the aforementioned scheme during the remaining period of 2004-2005 depends upon the receipt of Utilisation Certificate, Progress Report, Audited Accounts etc. from the State Governments in respect of already approved proposals.

Statement

Details of grants provided to Madhya Pradesh for various sports facilities

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme		Grants released from 2001-2002 to 2004-2005 (as on 22.2.2005)			
			2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (as on 22.2.2005)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure	Amount released	58.83	62.40	152.27	115.40
		No. of projects	5	4	13	6

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	Grants to Rural Schools for purchase of sports equipments & development of playfield	Amount released	25.78	14.12	22.955	13.65839
		No. of schools assisted	36	24	29	18
3	Grants for Promotion of Sports in Universities & Colleges	Amount released	16.66	1.65	10.80	26.10
		No. of College/ Schools assisted	6	3	4	7
4	Grants for Installation of Synthetic Surface	Amount released	144.955	0.00	0.00	0.00
		No. of projects assisted	2	0	0	0

Status of Sports

†449.SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the adequate steps are not being taken to improve the status of the sports in the country;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the difficulties are being faced in improving the status of the sports due to constantly increasing political influence and commercialization in the field of sports; and

(d) if not, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government of India, in addition to providing sports infrastructure, is

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